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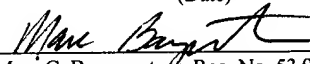
Applicant : Kain, et al.  
Appl. No. : 09/782,588  
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For : ALTERNATIVE SUBSTRATES AND  
FORMATS FOR BEAD-BASED  
ARRAY OF ARRAYS™  
Examiner : Betty J. Forman

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 9, 2004. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for reviewing the instant application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.